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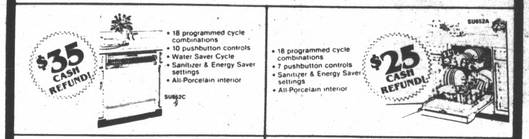


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**Congratulations, Homemakers!**


## Country Lane

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Elizabeth Carr, Mrs. Ellen O'Brian, Mrs. Evelyn Hubbard, Mrs. Florence Trent, Mrs. Mirtie Evans, and Mrs. Louise Plunkett.

Secretary and Treasurer was Mrs. Sue Scott, until her health failed and then Mrs. Evelyn Hubbard served in this capacity until her death. At that point, the office was divided: Mrs. Myrtle Scruggs was made treasurer and Mrs. Alice McDearmon was made recording secretary.

The current slate of officers is as follows: Mrs. Louise Plunkett, president; Mrs. Florence Trent, vice president; Mrs. Mildred Hubbard, secretary; Mrs. Myrtle Scruggs, treasurer; Mrs. Elizabeth Reynolds, chaplain; Mrs. Mary Inge, federation program chairman; and Mrs. Virginia Smith, program chairman.

We now have 39 members on roll, all very active ladies and very talented.

We have luncheons, give to all charitable activities, and are active in 4-H work. We have had two county presidents, Mrs. Horace Trent and Mrs. Ethel Evans, and we are now in the process of making a beautiful quilt to sell to defray expenses of our club, and we are also 100 percent in favor of our county flag being flown in Appomattox.

Our club is too large to meet in a home so we are now meeting in three churches, Liberty, Presbyterian and Methodist.

We have ten meetings a year.

### The good ol' days....

By FRANCES H. PAULETTE

Way back THEN were the 'good ole days'...
Or so some people say,
Keeping house was work, back-breaking work...
There was no easy way!

The water was heated, the clothes got scrubbed...
Without an automatic washing machine,
No fancy detergents, softeners and such,
Not even a "Mr. Clean"!!

Food was cooked on the big, black stove,
The 'stew pot' simmered all day.
Micro-waves, crock pots and things like that...
They were years and year away.

You crawled in a buggy to get to church,
A lap robe heavy and thick,
Kept winter winds out as you drove along,
For your feet a heated brick!

When Mama cleaned house she wore on her head,
A'dust cap' to protect her hair...
She beat the rugs to rid'em of dirt,
And scrubbed the floor with care.

An indoor bath, all nice and warm...
Not there in the good ole days,
On a frosty morn the trip was quick,
To the John across the yard a ways!

Now I don't know about you my friend...
I kind of like things today.
We fuss, complain, bicker a lot...
But, Baby, we have come a long way!

By the way have you thanked God today for all the things that make your life easier?


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# Spring cleanin'

By FRANCES PAULETTE

For many of us today, the coming of spring may mean off with the heat and on with the air-conditioning. But things haven't always been that simple. In the days of THEN spring meant Spring Cleaning. I talked with Mrs. J. Mott Harvey, of Evergreen, Va. and a charter member of the Bethany Home Demonstration Club; she remembers well what spring cleaning was like in the days of THEN. I appreciate some of the experiences she shared with me; it made it possible for me to write a little tribute to spring cleaning.

Spring is here---the time has come,
For tackling spring cleaning, room by room;
'Twas a well-known fact in the days of THEN
To neglect spring cleaning was a mortal sin.

The beds were stripped, quilts hung on the line---
Beaten and aired, 'til they smelled just fine.
The feather tick mattress was laid in the sun,
For nature's "sanitizing" until the day was done.

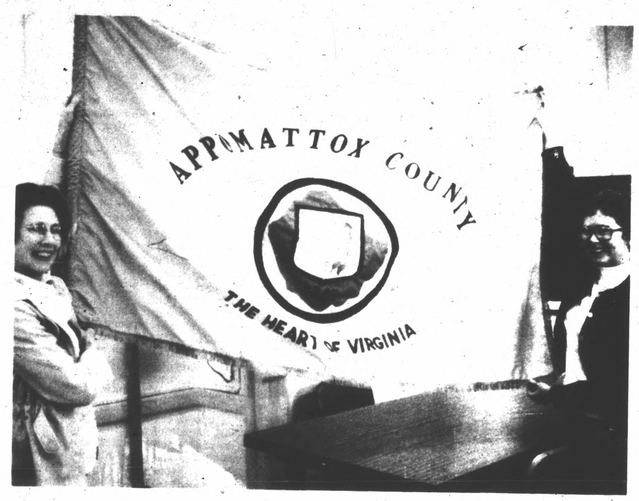
The furniture was quickly moved outside,
Nothing was left where dirt could hide.
Then came the job of cleaning the floor---
In the good ole days that was quite a chore!

First the bucket, filled with white creek sand,
Then take the corn shuck mop in hand---
Scrub really hard until the boards are clean,
The floor looks good, but your back feels mean!

Take the "broom sage" broom to sweep up the sand,
Then lye soap and water in a pan,
Rinse well until the sand and soap are gone---
Then rest a spell on the shady lawn.

Next came the windows---they must be done,
With vinegar and water 'til they gleamed in the sun.
Any old papers would do for a shine,
The windows are finished---they look just fine!

If cleaning NOW was like the days of THEN
Quite a few or us might never begin!
But for all those ladies who cleaned that way---
They were hard working gals---that's all I can say!




## A symbol of pride--the county flag . . .

**Appomattox County Extension Homemakers, Mrs. Isabelle Coleman, (left), and Mrs. Geraldine Marshall, (right), proudly display the Appomattox County Flag which was made by the Flag Committee of Appomattox County Extension Homemakers and presented to the Appomattox County Board of Supervisors. The flag features** the county seal appliqued on the map of Appomattox County and centered in the heart of Virginia, appliqued against a light blue background. The flag committee was composed of Ruby Williamson, Winnie Martin, Virginia Beard, Geraldine Marshall and Isabelle Colemen, Chairman.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